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PROCEEDINGS

Friday, Sept. 18th, 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. M. Mills from St. John 14:15. After an intermission of one hour for dinner, the Association assembled in the house, and after a song of praise and prayer by Eld. C. M. Mills, the church, messengers and invited visitors proceeded to business as follows :

Eld, P. J. Washburn, Moderator for Watson church, acted as Moderator, and Bro. Preston Helms, Clerk of Watson church, acted as Clerk, and Bro. H. M. Baucom assisted him.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches, to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from sister churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

From Bethel. Brethren L. T. Bell, S. M. Benton, sisters Jewell, Todd, Jim Lee and others.

From High Hill, Brethren S. H. Edwards, S D Outen, G. W Helms and C. T. Mills and others.

From Lawyers' Springs, J R Horne, H. M. Baucom, L W Collins, J B Medlin, alternate.

From Liberty Hill, No messenger present.

From Meadow Creek. Brethren W H Hatley, R M Hatley and D M Hathcoek.

From Mountain Creek. Brethren W L Soloman, G A Hope, C W Smith and J E Russell.

From Pleasant Grove. Brethren L L Griffin, T F Mills, A E Broom and Claud Mills.

From Union Grove. Brethren Jeff Taylor, F L Baucom, J A Griffin and F P Deese.

From Watson. Whole Church.

From Union Church. Eld. S F Heath, W R Coley, Reuben Williams and F M Moore.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None.

4. The Association authorized the Moderator to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on preaching. First named from each church.

Committee on finance Brethren D M Haithcock. L L Griffin, C W Smith, Preston H Helms, F P Deese, S D Outen. H M Baucom.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report. None reported.

6. Invited messengers and visitors from sister Associations and churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek. Eld. R A May. M N Todd, sister Torrell and others.

From Dan River. Eld Silas Dallas, W H Oaks, A T McDaniel, Brethren Furgeson, Nance and others.

From Little River. Eld. J S Stevenson, W G Stevenson Brethren R F Smith, L A Stevenson and others.

From South Arkansaw—Minutes.

From Sequachie Valley—Minutes.

From Mt. Zion—Minutes.

From Tennessee--Nolachuckey—Minutes.

Correspondents To Sister Associations.

To Silver Creek, Eld. P J Washburn, O C Mullis, C M Mills, Bro. J T Simpson and Minutes.

To Dan River. Eld. C M Mills, S F Heath and P J Washburn and Minutes.

To Little River. Eld. C M Mills, O C Mullis and P J Washburn and Minutes.

To Sequachey Valley. Eld. P J Washburn and Bro. J T Simpson and Minutes.

To Mt. Zion. Eld. C M Mills and P J Washburn and Minutes.

To Tennesse and Nolachucky. Eld. C M Mills and Minutes,

To South Ark. Minutes.

7. On motion, agreed that we continue correspondence with all churches and Associations, with whom we are now corresponding.

8. On motion Eld. C M Mills was appointed to write corresponding letter for this minute.

9. On motion adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Saturday a. m. Saturday a. m. Met in house pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock a. m, and after praise and prayer by Eld. R A May, proceeded to business as follows :

10. Called on finance committee to report. Reported sent up by the churches and congregations, $123.05.

On motion finance committee discharged.

11. On motion it is agreed that we distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

12. On motion it is agreed that we hold the next session of this Association with the church at High Hill, Union County. N. C., on Friday, Saturday and 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1937, and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That since all the churches composing this Association believe in and practice the washing of feet as taught by our Saviour, St. John 13-4-17; that we ask the churches composing this body to state in their letters to the Association next year whether they approve of amending article 11 of our Articles of Faith by adding the following, to wit :

"We believe in the washing of feet as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17."

13. On motion it is agreed that we have 800 copies of this minute printed and distributed as usual, and that Bro H M Baucom is requested to have the job done, and that we allow him $30.00 for printing and distributing them.

14. On motion it is agreed that we return thanks to God for his mercy, and the good people of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

15. On motion it is agreed that all funds above $30.00 for 800 copies Minutes be distributed to ministers present.

16. On motion adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Remarks—Thus ended one of the most peaceful and loving sessions of our Association that it has ever been our privilege to attend. Our home and corresponding and visiting ministers came humbly before the great gathering present and occupied their own good place and preached to the edification of the hearers, and we believe to the honor of God.

We believe the bread was cast upon the waters and hope that it may be gathered up many days hence. Our correspondents will please take our corresponding letters as personal to them.

We especially want to thank our good outside friends for their liberal contributions.

Elder P. J. WASHBURN, Moderator
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Order of Preaching

Friday	a. m.	Eld. C M Mills	Text St. John 14:15
'	p. m.	' Ballard	' Unknown
'	p. m.	' S F Heath	' '
'	p. m.	' J S Stevenson	' Rev. 12:1-2
Sat.	a. m.	' J B Dallas	' Eph. 5:1-2
'	a. m.	' R A May	Text As Moses lifted up the serpent, &c
'	a. m.	' O C Mullis	' St. John 15:-1 5
'	p. m.	' Wm. G Stevenson—Come O north wind	
'	p. m.	' W H Oaks	Eph. 4:11-12
'	p. m.	' A T McDaniel	Titus: Sound doctrine
Sun.	a. m.	Bro. Ferguson	Text : James 1:13-15
'	a m.	' C M Mills	' St. John .....
'	a. m.	' J S Stevenson	' Feed my sheep
'	a. m.	' P J Washburn	' Luke 2:7

Ministers Present

Eld. W H Oaks
' W G Stevenson
' J S Stevenson
' A T McDaniel
' R A May
' J B Dallas

Eld. C M Mills
' P J Washburn
' O C Mullis
' S F Heath
And Liceniates
Ferguson and Ballard

Corresponding Letter

To the Brethren composing The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association and all Corresponding Associations and Visitors :—Greeting :

We have met again—are in sweet peace, for which we thank the good Lord. We love to see you come and bring good news to our ears, your ministers especially. We are contending for the doctrines of God, our Saviour, the same as taught by the written word and the revealed word in our hearts, and agreeing on fundamental principles as taught in the Bible, and we are practicing the things taught by our Saviour in his church, all of the ordinances and example of baptism, communion, feet washing and have for over one hundred years.

We believe the church is blessed in doing what the Lord said do, and all its members are blessed in doing what the Lord said do, and we believe the church or its members are chastised for their disobedience. We want the correspondence of God's children who want peace, and practice it, come to see us. May our correspondence also continue as heretofore in love and fellowship. Let our brethren at home and abroad come to see us.

Submitted in love.

Your Little Brother in Christ, C. M. MILLS

RULES GOVERNING The "ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION"

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transaction of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to passupon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring it or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary or set forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament contain the only written revealed word of God and and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election: that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7 We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9 We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinance of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust and a general judment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS & THEIR ADDRESS	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESS	Rec'd by Ex. & Bapt.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Rec'd by confession	Total membership	Sunday of preaching	Contributions
Watson	Eld. P J Washburn, Albemarle, N.C.	Preston Helms, Route 3, Monroe, N C					2			37	4th	12.50
	Eld. O C Mullis, R. 3, Monroe '											
High Hill	Eld. J R Wilson, Martinsville, Va	C T Mills, Monroe '						3		44	1st	28.00
Lawyers' Spring	Eld. J R Wilson, ' '	H M Baucom, Peachland '	1	1		1				62	1st	30.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. O C Mullis, Rt 3, Monroe, N.C	Represented by pastor				1				5	1st	
Meadow Creek	Eld. O C Mullis, Rt3, Monroe '	D. M. Hathcock, Stanfield, '	1	2					1	22	1st	9.75
Mountain Creek	Eld. P J Washburn, Albemarle '	J E Russell, Albemarle '	1	1		2	2	2		26	3rd	10.55
Pleasant Grove	Eld. C M Mills, Charlotte '	T A Helms, Marshville '			8					41	2nd	11.00
Union Grove	Eld. C M Mills, ' '	F L Baucom. Monroe '	2							47	2nd	14.25
Union	Eld. S F Heath, Gastonia '	W R Coley, McAdensville '								28	4th	4.00
Bethel	Eld. W E Benton, Shallotte '	O J Bell, Wampee '	5	1	1					27	3rd	3.00
			10	5	9	4	4	5	1	339		123.05

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